



Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Program Descriptions

Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at the visitor center.

*Programs marked with an asterisk require reservations. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot!

SELF-GUIDED AUTO TOUR

Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your car! The 7 mile route departs from the visitor center parking lot. Gates open at 8:00 am and close at 4:00 pm.

BLUE GOOSE BUS TOUR

Join a ranger for behind the scenes access to closed areas of the refuge complex. Destinations vary depending on wildlife use and activity!

EAGLE TOUR

Enjoy our national icon during this back roads bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

BIRDS AND BRANCHES

Fly into the visitor center for this guided hike to search for local birds. Bring binoculars if you have them.

HIKE THE DIKES

"Hike the Dikes" is a cooperative program with Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Attend three hikes and earn a hiking stick! *Meet at the Magee Marsh Sportsman's Migratory Bird Center.*

BIKE THE DIKES

Bring your bike and join a ranger to explore the refuge trail system in search of wildlife. Helmets are encouraged.

MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join a refuge volunteer and become a citizen scientist the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. *Meet at the trailhead parking area.*

KIDS PROGRAMS!

MARSH MONDAYS

Join a refuge ranger for hands on activities and outside fun! Children ages 3-5 meet from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Children ages 6-12 meet from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

NATURE TOTS

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult for nature crafts, stories, and outdoor fun!

SWAMPERS

Children ages 6-12 are invited to join a refuge ranger for a swampin' good time!

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WILDLIFE REFUGE



ASSOCIATION

Members Only Event:

Sunday, July 27

1-4pm— Darby Marsh &
Blausey Unit Bus Tour*

Membership information is available at the
visitor center information desk.



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Calendar of Events

June—August, 2014

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Sunday, June 1

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

Saturday, June 7

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots*

12:30pm- 3pm— Eagle Tour*

1:00-2:30pm— Swampers*

Wednesday, June 11

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

12:30pm- 3pm— Eagle Tour*

Saturday, June 14

9am— Hike the Dikes

Saturday, June 21

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

10am-12pm— Bike the Dikes

12:30pm- 3pm— Eagle Tour*

Sunday, June 22

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

10am-12pm— Bike the Dikes

Monday, June 23

10am-12pm— Marsh Mondays*

1pm-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Wednesday, June 25

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

12:30pm- 3pm— Eagle Tour*

Sunday, June 29

9:30-11am— Birds and Branches

Monday, June 30

10am-12pm— Marsh Mondays*

1pm-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, July 5

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots*

12:30pm- 3pm— Eagle Tour*

1:00-2:30pm— Swampers*

Sunday, July 6

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

Monday, July 7

10am-12pm— Marsh Mondays*

1pm-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, July 12

9am— Hike the Dikes

1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Sunday, July 13

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Monday, July 14

10am-12pm— Marsh Mondays*

1pm-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, July 19

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

10am-12pm— Bike the Dikes

Sunday, July 20

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

9:30-11am— Birds and Branches

Monday, July 21

10am-12pm— Marsh Mondays*

1pm-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Sunday, July 27

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-4pm— Members Only Bus Tour*

Monday, July 28

10am-12pm— Marsh Mondays*

1pm-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, August 2

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots*

1-2:30pm— Swampers*

Sunday, August 3

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

Monday, August 4

10am-12pm— Marsh Mondays*

1pm-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, August 9

9am— Hike the Dikes

Sunday, August 10

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Monday, August 11

10am-12pm— Marsh Mondays*

1pm-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, August 16

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

Sunday, August 17

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour